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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13-15 are pending and at issue in the present application.

As a preliminary matter, claims 9 and 10 have been amended to remove language already recited in claim 1. These amendments obviate the examiners rejection of claims 9 and 10 as indefinite.

Applicant thanks the examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview on February 5, 2009. The remarks herein are intended to summarize and amplify the matters discussed in such interview.

Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13-15 as anticipated by Privas U.S. 5,417,258.

During the interview, the examiner agreed with the applicant that the cited art does not show a solenoid valve means substantially enclosed in a substantially metallic locking cover means as provided for in the pending claims. All of the claims recite a dispenser having solenoid valve means substantially enclosed in a substantially metallic locking cover means, the cover means being arranged to intensify a magnetic field which, when the dispenser is in use, facilitates opening and closing of the valve means. Because the cited art does not disclose or suggest the above noted structure, claims 1-6, 8-11, and 13-15 are not anticipated by or obvious over Privas.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims at issue and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Deposit Account Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, except issue fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1903.

Respectfully submitted,

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